

[**New Fact Sheet**](#) *Shows Importance of House-passed Energy Bill*

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PHILADELPHIA, PA — Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) joined representatives from Clean Energy Works, a national coalition calling for energy reform, as well as Philadelphia-area community and business leaders, to highlight [**a new fact sheet on the benefits Pennsylvania would reap from passage of comprehensive energy legislation.**](#)

Tens of thousands of jobs would be created and thousands of dollars of families' energy costs saved by working to give benefits to new American energy entrepreneurs and reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil under the American Clean Energy and Security Act that the Congressman helped pass in the House.

"America is a Nation of innovation and opportunity, but for too long we have been stuck in the stagnant policies of the past," said Congressman Sestak. "Comprehensive energy reform is needed to set a clear path for the future of our economy and bring real benefits to Pennsylvanians and our County. Clinging to misguided economic policies has slowed growth of industries at home and allowed others to pass us. China leads the world in exporting clean technology and creating thousands of jobs doing so. America should be the country exporting these products to the world to grow our own economy."

Today's event was held at One Crescent Drive, part of the Navy Yard Corporate Center. The building is the first platinum LEED C&S (core and shell) building owned by a private developer (Liberty Property Trust) in the nation. The LEED green building certification program encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through a suite of rating systems that recognize projects that implement strategies for better environmental and health performance.

One of the individuals joining the Congressman today was Brent Alderfer, president of Community Energy, Inc. (CEI), a company that pioneered bringing wind energy to Pennsylvania. When CEI began to look for capital to expand into solar generation, which nearly doubled the size of their company, they had had to sell the wind farms to European players because capital wasn't available domestically.

"We need a renewable energy policy that encourages investment and jobs here at home," said Mr. Alderfer. "Wind and Solar are the fastest growing energy sources in the world— these are the industries of the future. We need leadership in Washington so companies like CEI can build new industries and add new jobs here."

Another participant was Greg Puschnigg, a retired Navy Lieutenant, and Founder & CEO at Green Power Technologies. "As a veteran and owner of a small technology business, I strongly believe that a comprehensive energy policy is one area that would help main-street Americans, help small and large businesses, and would create long-term growth for our economy and indirectly create jobs that we badly need and improve our national security," said Mr. Puschnigg.

“Congressman Sestak has been second to none in his pursuit of good and green jobs for Pennsylvanians in the nation's quest for energy independence,” said a representative from Gamesa North America, headquartered in Pennsylvania. “Given his extensive military background, Congressman Sestak understands as a premier practitioner why the Pentagon is so focused on climate security and how to translate global competition for manufacturing investments and next generation alternative energy deployment into jobs at home.”

As part of the press conference, Congressman Sestak released a fact sheet published by the House Energy and Commerce Committee that detailed the ways a bill passed by the House of Representatives, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, would positively impact Pennsylvania and the Nation.

Data released today showed that:

- “Pennsylvania could gain 46,000 to 78,000 more jobs by 2020 as a result of comprehensive clean energy policy”
- “Pennsylvania's gross domestic product would be \$2.4 billion to \$4.3 billion higher with clean energy policy than without”
- “Clean energy policies like these have the potential to save 4 to 7 million barrels of oil per day by 2030, two to three times the oil we import from the Persian Gulf. By lowering global demand for oil, clean energy policies would deprive the Iranian government of \$100 million per day in oil revenue.”
- “Over the period 2012 to 2016, ACES will invest \$300 million to \$400 million in Pennsylvania each year”

“As the fact sheet released today and the support from so many business people demonstrates,” said Congressman Sestak, “the proposals passed in our legislation will create jobs here in Pennsylvania and across the county, spur investment in new energy technology and manufacturing, reduce our reliance on foreign oil, and address the very real risks of global warming.”

Participants at today’s event included:

Brent Alderfer – President, Community Energy, Inc.

Jeffrey Batoff – Government Affairs, Gamesa

Kira Costanza – Secretary, PA Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Association (PASEIA)

Katie Feeney – Policy Analyst, Clean Air Council, representing Clean Energy Works

Bob Fiori – President, Green Power Technologies

John Gattuso – Senior VP & Regional Director of Urban and National Development, Liberty Property Trust

Joe Houldin – CEO, Delaware Valley Industrial Resources Council (DVIRC)

William Kramer – Sierra Club, representation Clean Energy Works

Ken MacDougall – Director of Business Development & Labor Relations Representative.
National Association of Electrical Contractors Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter

Greg Puschnigg – Retired Navy Lieutenant; CEO, Green Power Technologies, Inc.

Liz Robinson – Executive Director, Energy Coordinating Agency

RoseAnn Rosenthal – President & CEO, Ben Franklin Technology Partners

Jan Rushforth – Founder, Rushforth Solar

Kurt Zwerko – Vice President, Conergy Projects, Inc.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for

31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.